Subject No. 353.

Inconveniences in the matterof conveyances experienced by travellers in the railway stations.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On the arrival of the train at the station platforms at Bangalore and Mysore, coolies offer their services to remove the things of the travellers. In the confusion it is difficult to find out the thieves if any properties are lost. It is therefore suggested that all the coolies coming to the platforms should be made to wear distinguishing badges, so that they may be easily identified. The cooly hire should also be fixed. The absence of a rule fixing the rate of hire for a coach, jatka and common cart affords scope to drivers to deceive innocent travellers by taking excessive charges from them. It is not possible to complain in matters of this kind. It is therefore requested that a schedule of rates of hire for each kind of conveyance may be furnished to the drivers who should show them to the travellers as is the practice in Bombay and England. The drivers should be punished if they levy higher charges than the schedule rates.

Reply of Government.—The Railway Administration will be addressed regarding the proposal.

Subject No. 354.

Lavatories in the mixed trains.

Mr. Srikantaiya, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Recently arrangements have been made for lavatories in the Mail trains. It is requested that the same arrangements may be made in the mixed trains also.

Reply of Government.—This will be communicated to the Railway Department.

Subject No. 355.

Additional platform at Birur Junction.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao. B. A. L. L. B. Advocate, was absent but Mr. Bagavanta Rao of Arsikere spoke

Summary of discussion.—At present the trains that arrive at and depart from Birur are drawn up on three lines one beyond the other. Passengers wishing to get into two of these trains will have to cross the lines which is attended with much hazard and inconvenience. The Government may be pleased to have an additional platform constructed so that the trains might be made to stand on its either side. There are also no adequate waiting rooms The present ones may be enlarged.

Reply of Government.—The Railway Company will be written to for an opinion on the proposal.

Subject No. 356.

Light Railways in the malnad.

Mr Ganesa Rao, member of the District Board, Kadur District.

Summary of discussion.—Light Railway may be constructed in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 357.

Extension of Railway line from Nanjangud.

Mr Amble Annaiya Pandit, District Board Member, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Railway line terminating at Nanjangud may be extended to Erode to afford greater facilities for the traffic.

Reply of Government.—Reference has already been made to the subject in the speech.

Subject No. 358.

Light Railway to Chikballapur

Mr. C. Narayanaswami Chetti, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Company has been organised for the construction of Light Railway from Bangalore to Chikballapur and shares are being collected. The public are not readily going in for shares for want of guarantee by Government. Consequently no work has been started.

Similar Companies in British Territories have been guaranteed by Local Fund Boards. If similar guarantee be made by the Mysore Government there will be much facility for the collection of shares and the work will be conducted promptly.

Reply of Government.—This is not a question for the Representative Assembly, but one for the company to take up and urge.

Subject No. 359.

Railway from Kadur to Chikmagalur.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be constructed from Kadur to Chikmagalur.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 360.

Railway from Shimoga to Koppa.

Mr. Kigga Channakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be constructed from Shimoga to Koppa. At present all the supari about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of maunds produced annually in the Koppa Taluk, has to be carted to Birur or Tarikere and thence exported by rail to Bellary and other markets. A Railway line to Koppa will greatly facilitate traffic and induce supari merchants to come direct to Koppa and buy supari there to the advantage of the supari grower.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Muzrai.

Subject No. 361.

Supervision of minor Muzrai institutions.

Mr. Kigga Chenn'akesava Rao of Koppa.

Summary of discussion.—Services in the minor Muzrai institutions are not regularly performed by the Vahivatdars thereof who enjoy the inams granted for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—The Muzrai Secretary cannot be directed to tour for any particular period in any district. The Dharmadarsis may bring all cases of irregularity to the notice of the Muzrai Secretary.

Subject No. 362.

Supervision of temples which are not Muzrai institutions.

Mr. Guru Rao of Tarikere Taluk.
„ Nadig Sivappa.

Summary of discussion.—Temples which are not under Muzrai management are not properly managed. Arrangements may therefore be made for the maintenance of regular accounts in such temples and for their scrutiny from time to time by taluk officers.

Reply of Government.—Await the working of the District Boards.

Subject No. 363.

Puduvat Funds.

Mr. Varada Iyengar of the Hassan Taluk.
Mr. Chowdaiya of the Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Loans obtained by private persons from Muzrai Funds may be ordered to be recovered as arrears of land revenue instead of through Civil Courts.

(*b*) Puduvat Funds with interest thereon may be interested from the operation of the Law of Limitation.

Reply of Government.—This has been already decided to be impossible. It amounts to holding out an inducement to make over bad debts to temples. Instances of bonds taken by Government in the Muzrai Department cannot be many and all possible effort is being made to recover old balances.